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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., March 30, 2007 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2007, was 3 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was 3 percent above March 1, 2006 but unchanged from December 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 360,000 head, was 1 percent above March 1, 2006 but 1 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.64 million head, was 4 percent above last year and slightly above last quarter.

The December 2006-February 2007 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.61 million head, was 1 percent above 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 175,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 175,000 sows during the March-May 2007 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2006 but unchanged from 2005. Intended farrowings for June-August 2007, at 175,000 sows, are the same as 2006 and 2005.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2007 was 61.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2006, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2006-February 2007 pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2006 and up 3 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up 1 percent from both 2006 and 2005. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.08 for the December 2006-February 2007 period, compared to 9.03 last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.91 million sows farrow during the March-May 2007 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings, but up 1 percent from 2005. Intended farrowings for June-August 2007, at 2.92 million sows, are virtually unchanged from both 2006 and 2005.

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